

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 and 21-29 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claims 1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 25 have been amended and claim 5 cancelled as shown on pages 3-5 of the Reply. Applicants' representative notes with appreciation the indication that claim 5 would be allowable if recast in independent form to include all limitations of respective base claims and any intervening claims. To this end, independent claims 1 and 25 have been amended to incorporate features deemed allowable by the Examiner.

Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

I. Objection to Title

The title of the invention has been objected herein. The earlier title was "LIGHTHOUSE ASIC", which has since been changed to "ASIC FOR SUPPORTING MULTIPLE FUNCTIONS OF A PORTABLE DATA COLLECTION DEVICE". Accordingly, this objection is now moot and should be withdrawn.

II. Rejection of Claims 1-4, 23-26, 28 and 29 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-4, 23-26, 28 and 29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Bridgelall *et al.* (U.S. 6,761,316). Withdrawal of this rejection is requested for at least the following reasons. In view of the incorporation of subject matter deemed allowable by the Examiner into independent claims 1 and 25 this rejection should be withdrawn.

III. Rejection of Claims 6 and 7 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 6 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bridgelall *et al.* (U.S. 6,761,316) in view of Callaghan, *et al.* (U.S. 6,058,304). Withdrawal of this rejection is requested for at least the following reasons. Claims 6 and 7 depend from independent claim 1. In view of the incorporation of subject matter deemed allowable by the Examiner into independent claim 1, this rejection should be withdrawn.

IV. Rejection of Claims 8 and 9 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 8 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bridgelall *et al.* (U.S. 6,761,316) in view of Kunert, *et al.* (U.S. 6,109,528). Withdrawal of this rejection is requested for at least the following reasons. Claims 8 and 9 depend from independent claim 1. In view of the incorporation of subject matter deemed allowable by the Examiner into independent claim 1, this rejection should be withdrawn.

V. Rejection of Claims 10 and 11 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 10 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bridgelall *et al.* (U.S. 6,761,316) in view of Meier *et al.* (U.S. 6,561,428). Withdrawal of this rejection is requested for at least the following reasons. Claims 10 and 11 depend from independent claim 1. In view of the incorporation of subject matter deemed allowable by the Examiner into independent claim 1, this rejection should be withdrawn.

VI. Rejection of Claims 21 and 27 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 21 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bridgelall *et al.* (U.S. 6,761,316). Withdrawal of this rejection is requested for at least the following reasons. Claims 21 and 27 depend from independent claim 25. In view of the incorporation of subject matter deemed allowable by the Examiner into independent claim 25, this rejection should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited. In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [SYMBP102US].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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